

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the telephonic interview on October 17, 2008, in which the 112 rejection was discussed in regards to the cited prior art.

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2008.

Claims 1, 16, 30 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1, 16, 30 and 45 have been amended to now state that the additional controls catch up to “a current control”.

Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hunter (Java™ Servlet Programming, Copyright (c) 2001, 1998 O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.) in view of Zhou (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0188729).

Claims 1, 16, 30 and 45 state that “when the additional control is added to the control tree dynamically, a lifecycle catch-up process drives the additional control through lifecycle stages until the additional control catches-up to a current stage”.

Zhou and the other cited art does not disclose or make obvious such a step.

For example, Zhou, in paragraphs [0024] – [0025] do not describe a catch up process or even dynamically adding a control to a control tree.

For this reason, the independent claims are believed to be allowable. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable because they are dependent on the independent claims and because of the additional limitations of these claims.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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